

Pseudagrion rubriceps Selys in tandem with
Pseudagrion microcephalum (Rambur) (Odonata,
 Coenagriidae)

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In nature examples of abnormal tandem flight of certain Anisopteran and Zygopteran Odonates have been recorded by several workers (Corbet, 1962; Bick & Hornuf, 1965 and Bick, 1971). But so far no report has been available as to such examples in *Pseudagrion* damselflies.

This note reports two such cases when the males of *Pseudagrion rubriceps* Selys were caught in tandem with females of *Pseudagrion microcephalum* (Rambur) in the morning of a rainy day in the month of September, 1966 in Calcutta.

In this connection it may be reported that no attempt to copulate was noticed in either case, though prior to their capture they were in tandem for a reasonable time.

In this connection it may also be mentioned that females of *Pseudagrion rubriceps* are not represented in our collection although both the sexes of the other species mentioned above are there. Fraser (1933) perhaps correctly pointed out the rarity of the females of *P. rubriceps* in the Indian sub region.

Thus from the above facts it appears that Moore's hypothesis (Moore, 1957 and 1960, in Corbet, 1962) on such abnormal behaviour, as also noted in these cases, in Odonates perhaps holds good.

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YPSOLOPHUS HORRIDELLUS TREITSCHKE IN KENT.—Reading Mr S. N. A. Jacobs's note in the September issue of *The Record* has prompted me to give another Kentish locality for this moth. The larva (unknown to me at the time) was taken on black-thorn in Chestfield, near Whitstable, in May 1971, and the moth emerged on the 10th July of that year.—E. S. BRADFORD, 38 Oakwood Ave., Boreham Wood, Herts. 26.xi.1971.